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Further, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) and MPEP § 609(III)(A)(3), Applicant submits that reference nos. B1, B2 and C1 are not in the English language. Reference B1 has a full translation attached to the copy submitted herewith.

Reference B2 has a English language abstract attached to the copy submitted herewith.

Applicant also submits the following concise statements as to the relevance of references B2 and C1.

B2 — Japanese Patent 2-278005(A), High Strength Bolt, Takashi Kumamoto

This reference teaches a bolt with serrated portion underneath of the head of the bolt.

C1 — "Crampons Bulldog", Bulldog Simpson

This reference shows a number of single and double-sided "bulldog" plates and various installations, including joining parallel horizontal wood beams through rafters and what appears to be joining the end of massive glulams with arrays of bulldog reinforced connections.

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